

General Information

- CS 350: Operating Systems
- Web Page: <http://www.student.cs.uwaterloo.ca/~cs350>
- Newsgroup: uw.cs.cs350
- Course Personnel, office hours, etc.: see/watch the web page

Post questions to newsgroup (instead of emailing)

Check the newsgroup regularly.

Course Readings

- Textbook:
 - Silberschatz, Galvin, and Gagne (8th edition).
 - Recommended reading to augment lectures and improve understanding
 - On 3 hour reserve in the DC Library
- Course Notes:
 - buy/print them
 - bring them to class
 - take notes
 - **NOT DESIGNED TO BE STANDALONE**

Grading Scheme

This may change slightly each term:
see course web page for official version.

A0, A1, A2, A3: Assignment marks as a percentage
M: Midterm exam grades as percentages
F: Final exam grade as a percentage

```
Normal = (0.02*A0 + 0.08*A1 + 0.125*A2 + 0.125*A3) +  
         (0.25*M + 0.40*F)  
Exams  = (0.25*M + 0.40*F) / 65  
  
if (Exams < 50%) { /* FAIL EXAMS, FAIL THE COURSE */  
  Course Grade = min(Normal, Exams)  
} else {  
  Course Grade = Normal  
}
```

Assignments

- A0,A1 done individually
- A2,A3 done in groups
- Using OS/161 (~16,000 lines for kernel) running on SYS/161.
- Assignments are cumulative (i.e., A2 depends on A1, etc.)
- Slip days
 - Allows flexibility in assignment deadlines
 - Total of 5 slip days
 - Can use maximum of 3 slip days per assignment

Plagiarism and Academic Offenses

- **READ AND UNDERSTAND INFO ON COURSE WEB PAGE**
- This course has extra requirements and ignorance is no excuse!
- Do not use code from other sources:
 - This includes work you did in previous terms, from friends, or web sites.
 - We use cheat detection software.
 - Every term people are caught.
- **NOTE:** Can not use assignments you have done from previous terms without instructors permission.